■ Is the smile one of happiness or pity...

Some-one's mother was smiling.
I just felt like walking through this way to school.
Inside the trash bag,
I saw some clothes that I had seen before
指定ゴミ袋
It had been 10 days since her daughter went missing
Clothes: Kayo ----dzuki

.....
I couldn't understand.
I felt my body shudder for the first time ever.
Before I knew it, I ran past the school
and puked on the yard of someone's house.
I didn't know whether it was because of her "smile" or because I ran too quickly.
It was probably both.
...The last time I saw her daughter "Kayo Hinadzuki".

#2 [Death Row Prisoner: May 2006]

僕だけがいない街

BOKU DAKE GA INAI MACHI

超感覚サスペンスストーリー第2話!!

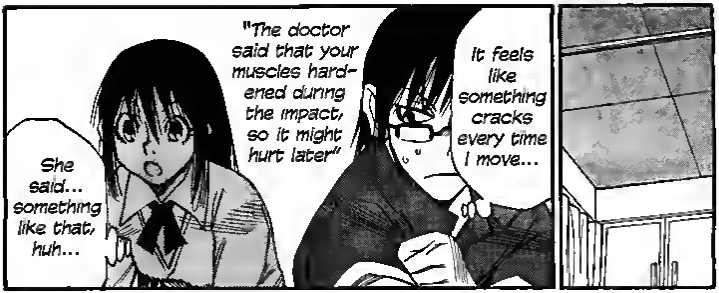
全ての〝現在〟は、過去に起因する…!

「神隠りのナギ」「鬼燈の島」

三部けい

Kei SANBE

Everything in the present was caused by something in the past...!
Chapter 2 of this ESP suspense thriller!!


It feels like something cracks every time I move...
"The doctor said that your muscles hardened during the impact, so it might hurt later"
She said... something like that, huh...

In the end, my mom didn't come.
Well, it would've been annoying, so that's good too.
It's been a while since I last got to lie around all day...

Sign Billing 1

Ah
You're Mr. Satoru Fujinuma, correct?
Your discharge papers have been done and your bills have been paid

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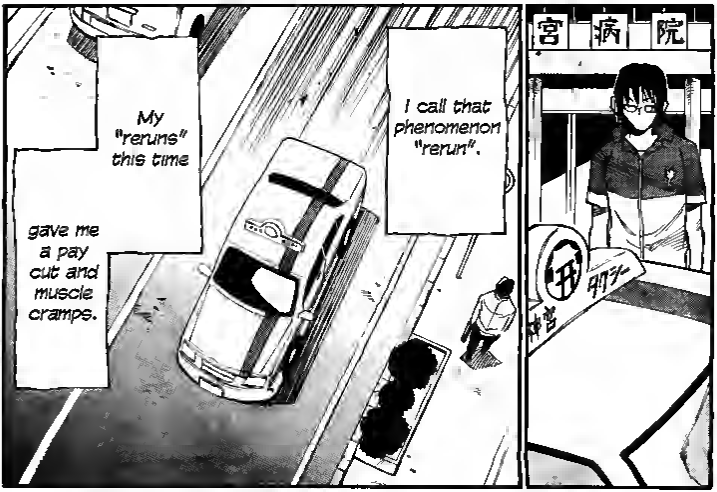

宮病院
I call that phenomenon "rerun".
My "reruns" this time
gave me a pay cut and muscle cramps.

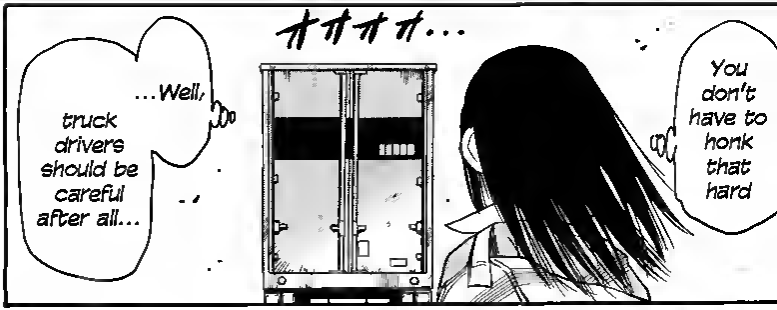
Even though I knew that I wouldn't get anything,
I still got involved...
The rerun this time lasted about a minute, huh...
I usually see the same 1-5 minutes over and over again...
always right before something bad happens.
It's like someone is forcing me to prevent it
making having me look for the "oddity".

越しの日代
and try to avoid trouble after that...
Usually, I just predict (...or imagine?) the cause before the incident happens.
but once in a while, I get involved and end up getting burned, just like this time.
That makes most "negative" things have "no impact" on me.
That child didn't get hurt
I hate cops.
No... It wasn't anything special...
Your judgment was great

Predicting that was an amazing feat
It's like you have clairvoyance
Clairvoyance, huh... How flattering.
This time, there was a witness, so I've been labeled as a hero....
Thanks to her, they didn't probe too much.
Maybe this case really has "no impact" on me after all...?
I thought that the truck was moving strangely when I looked at it from far away...
...No way...
Do you have a stronger attention for detail because you draw manga?
... Durrro
I don't care.
Can you please go away already?

TAXI
016
大神
……

Wah
BEEP
BEEP
BEE
EEE
EEE
EEP


...Well, truck drivers should be careful after all...
You don't have to honk that hard

Could he really have seen it...?
Hmm...

.....
ふぅ。
カチャ
Ah
.....

Welcome back, Satoru

...Mom

The doctor said that you're okay
Yea... I heard about it at the counter
a ha ha
but you were sleeping and it was boring, so I came here
I went to the hospital,
Is your head okay?
I'm okay
How about your body? Does it hurt anywhere?
I'm okay
You scared me, you know
I heard that it was a head-on collision
The truth is, my entire body hurts, but I don't want her to know...
Ah
Hey, Satoru
Are these the only tableware you have?
Don't you make miso soup?
All I see in your trash are bento boxes from convenience stores
I know that I shouldn't have looked,
but have you been eating properly?
I'm going out to buy plates and bowls...
do you want to come along?
.....
...I'll let you handle it

Inbox
0001 5/18
Sawako Fujinum
This is your moth
0002 5/17
Manager's Cel
This is Takaha
0003 5/10
Yoshinaga's
Inbox 2 New

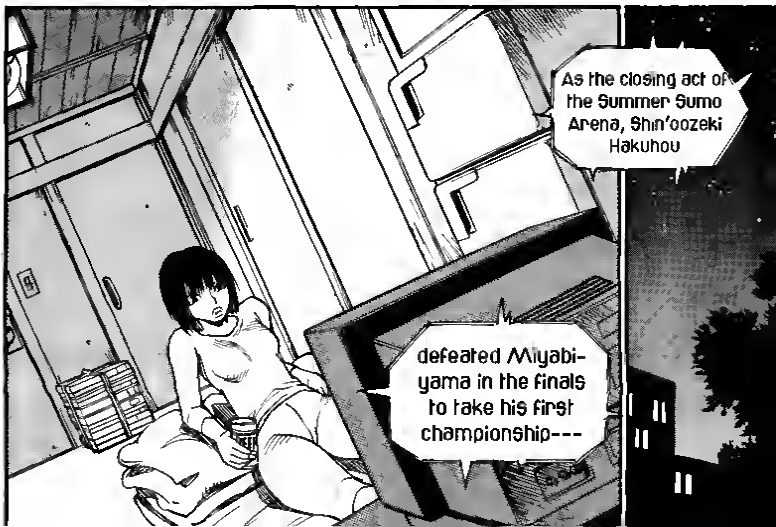
So many plates and bowls...
I'm not gonna use all of them
You don't cook because you don't have the tableware, right?
Give it enough time and you'll use all of them

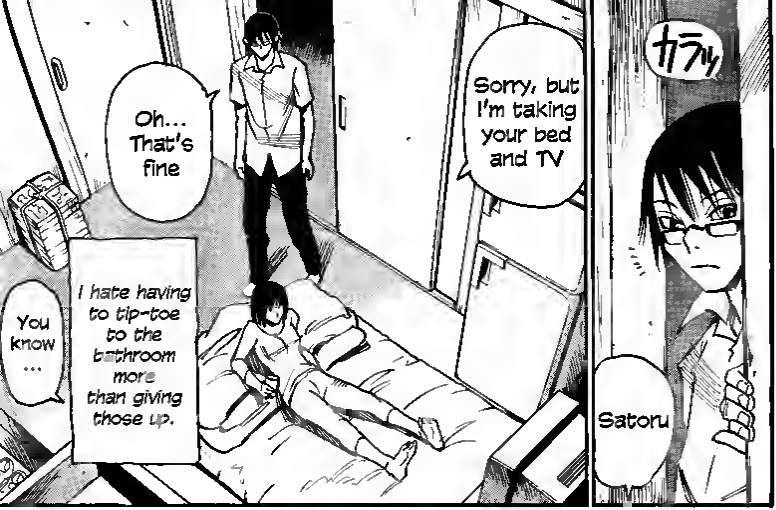
Are there any problems?
You've lived here for a while now
Huh?
.....

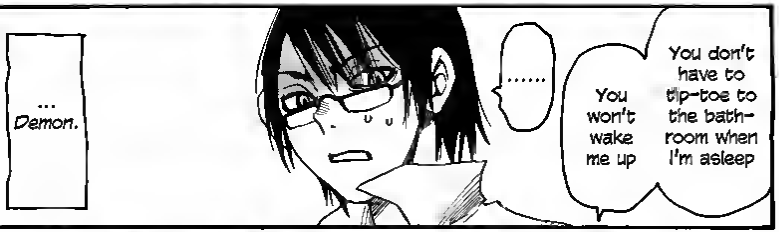
What do you mean? Why?
It's my perfect chance... I mean,
there's nothing wrong with me checking up on my only son after he hit his head, right?
I told you, I'm okay...
I have to go to work and draw manga
You lived in my house for 18 years, and during all that time I was working, right?
I won't get in your way...
If you're drawing manga that you can't draw with your mother next to you,
you shouldn't draw it in the first place
GAH ...
Is that a sound of desperation I hear?
...That's not what it means at all
Ever since I knew her, my mom did as she pleased.
This time, she just wanted to pay a visit to this place, huh.
You can't fool an ex-TV anchor
I only have one set of bedding
She's... just as annoying as ever.
I found a sleeping bag in your closet, so I'll use that

If this is like all of the other times, then I'll have to wait until she gets bored...
.....
Ah
I'll return the hospital fees
Go to a hotel
Then that'll cover my lodging bill for this place
Waste of money

It'll be boring for me to just see your face every day
No way. So you are here for sight-seeing
Satoru, can one bus take me up to Ueno?
She's 52, but even I can say that she does not look any older than when I last saw her.
She also looks unchanged.
... Demon.
You haven't seen me for a whole day yet


As the closing act of the Summer Sumo Arena, Shin'oozeki Hakuhou
defeated Miyabiyama in the finals to take his first championship---


Sorry, but I'm taking your bed and TV
Oh... That's fine
I hate having to tip-toe to the bathroom more than giving those up.
You know ...
Satoru

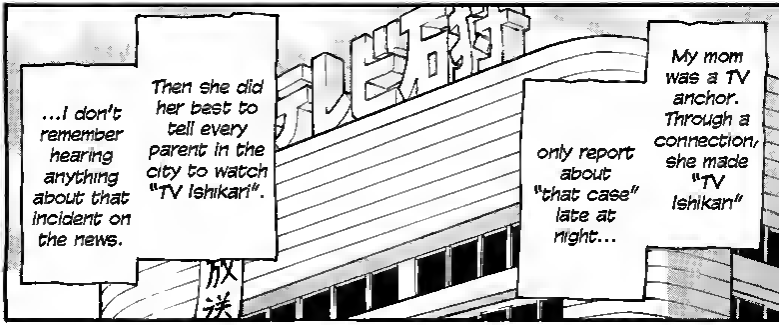

You don't have to tip-toe to the bathroom when I'm asleep
You won't wake me up
.....
... Demon.

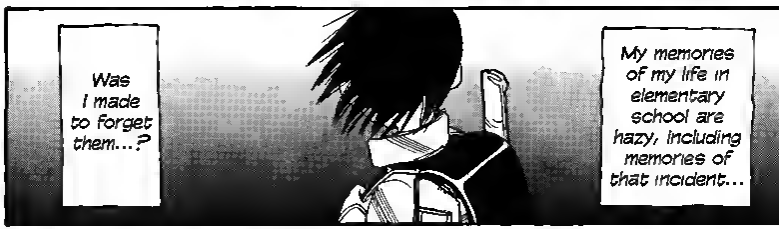
Here's the news. Ayaka ****moto, age 7,
who went missing earlier this month---
was found safe and sound this morning

She looks fine---
She's currently in a city hospital---
.....
.....
Satoru... do you remember?
... What?
What happened in our neighborhood... when you were in 5th grade
The incidents they cover on TV from time to time remind me of it...
Your memories ...must be faint, huh
The adults were desperate
to erase the incident from their kids' memories
BEER

Satoru... You were in a danger-ous spot, you know

Did those cans of beer make Mom more talkative...?


My mom was a TV anchor. Through a connection, she made "TV Ishikari"
only report about "that case" late at night...
Then she did her best to tell every parent in the city to watch "TV Ishikari".
...I don't remember hearing anything about that incident on the news.


My memories of my life in elementary school are hazy, including memories of that incident...
Was I made to forget them...?

No... I don't think... that that was the case...

Yeah...
I... like soccer more...
You aren't... playing baseball with everyone else?
Ohh
Thanks

Then, wanna play with airplanes too?
When I was young, there was a college-age man called Yuuki who played with me.
He's called Yuuki because he always talks about courage, not because that's his real name.
I couldn't remember his real name because it wasn't similar to "Yuuki" at all.
It's more satisfying if I make them myself
Uwah
It's really flying!

I made paper airplanes with Yuuki in his apartment
"My" plane flew unbelievably high:
higher and higher,
on and on,
and farther and farther.
It flew to the other side of the river and fell in.
It never flew again.
Ahahaha haha
I was slightly sad,
but Yuuki only laughed.
Let's make one that will fly more next time
...I see
So you're bad with other people too, Satoru...

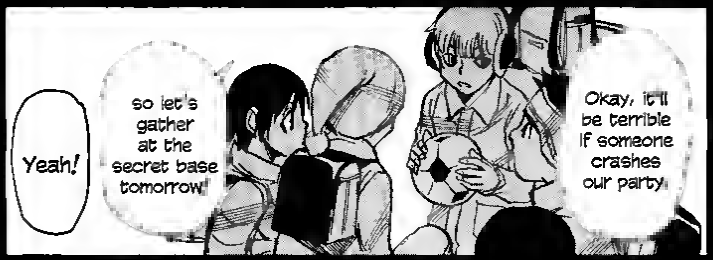
I didn't open up to Yuuki, so I couldn't give him a straight answer.
Yeah ...
But ...
You want friends, right?
Let me try guessing about the popular kids in your class
He's a cheerful kid who's good at sports
He can speak his mind
and he can joke around,
but he's dead serious about one thing
Huh?
That's what popular people are all like
I'm bad with people too so I don't know if this is right or not...
... Wow
but why don't you try copying them?
Even just one or two things
Don't be embarrassed
and be brave

Hey, hey, Satoru.
Didja hear?

A girl from Izumi Elementary
also went missing

What the teachers said is proof: "Hinadzuki ran away from home and is with her grandparents"
Wow! Osamu, you didn't know either?
So it's not just Hinadzuki now!?
Huh!? Really?
My friend who goes to Izumi said
Of course
that they said that that girl "ran away" too
So Hinadzuki didn't run away from home? Is the Izumi elementary story true?
That's their excuse for not allowing kids to leave town anymore, huh...

I followed Yuuki's suggestion,
and joined a certain group of friends.
!!
This is a serial kidnapping case
We shared both fun and terror.
By sharing small secrets like this, I felt like I belonged with them, which felt great.
Don't let anyone know that we know this!!
I'm scared...
Sh-... Should we really stay out like this?
Rumors spread like wildfire among kids.
No matter how much the adults try, they can't hide this from us.
Phew
The perp is a pervert who only goes after girls...
Boys are okay
There hasn't been anything interesting on "TV Ishikan" recently.
There's nothing going on
Do you wanna try going there?
What do you think, Ken'ya
We can't leave town, so we can't go anywhere to play
Our secret base too...
Yeah
This case has nothing to do with us, after all...
They don't show much anime or tokusatsu
Yeah, I agree



See ya!
See ya!
When I remember about something,
other memories come to me too, one after another...
but there's still lots of things that I can't remember

I'm only sure of one thing:

I shut up my memories of this incident myself.

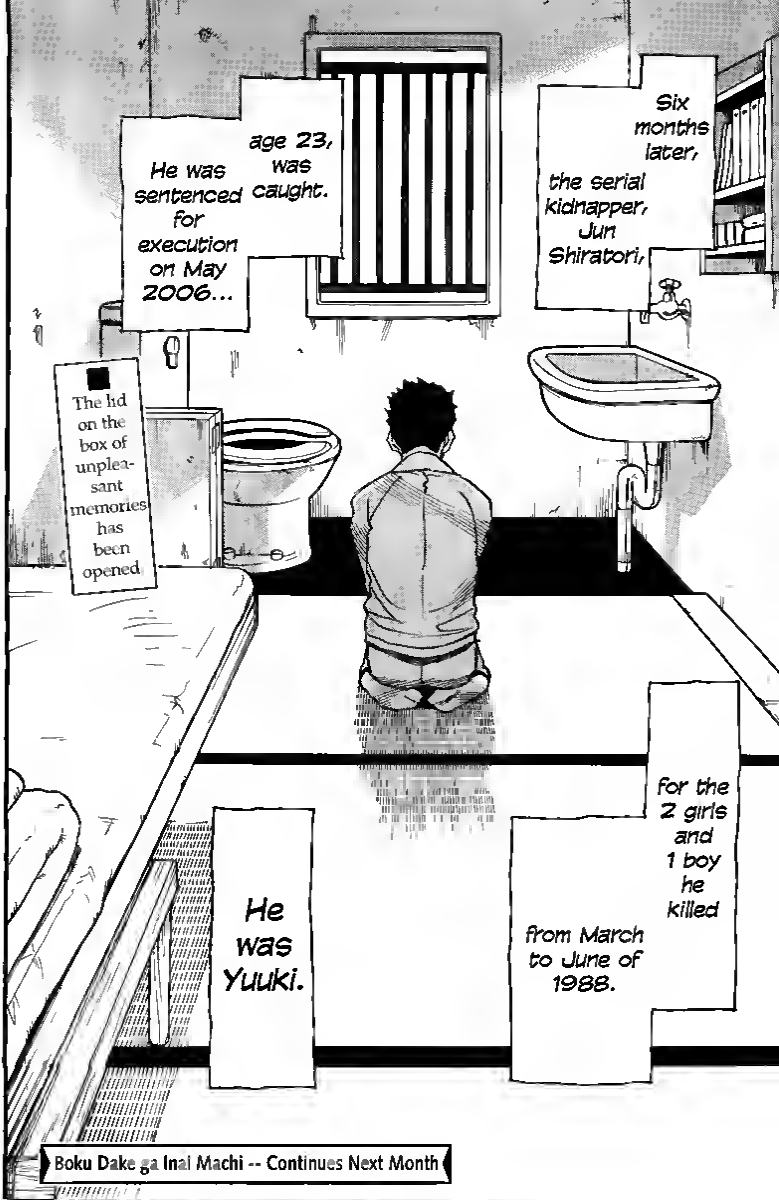
It wasn't that Mom and the adults made me forget;

I forbid myself from remembering...

I didn't want to remember

I wanted to forget.

who did what to who.


Six months later, the serial kidnapper, Jun Shiratori,
age 23, was caught.
He was sentenced for execution on May 2006...
The lid on the box of unpleasant memories has been opened
for the 2 girls and 1 boy he killed
from March to June of 1988.
He was Yuuki.

Boku Dake ga Inai Machi -- Continues Next Month